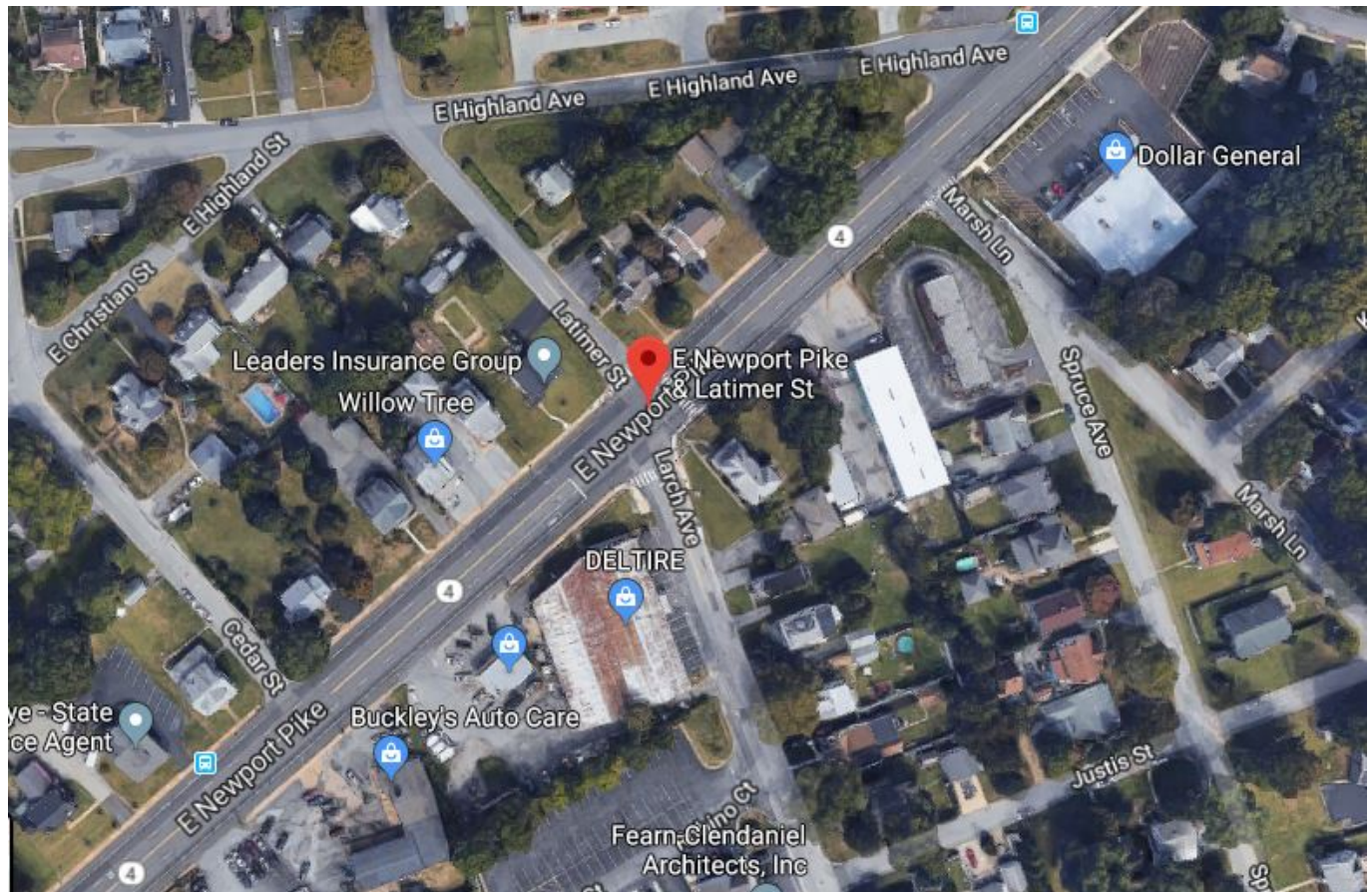


# Troopers Investigated a Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Newport



**Newport, Delaware** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated a crash involving a pedestrian that took place in February.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:37 p.m., Sunday, February 17, 2019, on Newport Pike northeast of Latimer Street. A 2013 Hyundai Elantra, operated by an 81-year-old male of Newark, was traveling eastbound in the right lane of East Newport Pike (DE 4). The vehicle came to a complete stop at the intersection of Latimer Street and Larch Avenue. When the light turned green, the Hyundai Elantra continued through the intersection traveling eastbound on DE/4. The pedestrian entered the roadway to cross the street from an unknown

direction, not in the crosswalk. The pedestrian walked in front of the vehicle and was struck.

The pedestrian, John F. Lynch Jr. 73 of Wilmington, was transported from the scene by EMS to the Christiana Hospital. He later succumbed to his injuries on March 15, 2019.

The operator of the Elantra was properly restrained and did not sustain any injuries. Impairment on his behalf was not a factor in the crash.

DE Rt. 4 eastbound was closed for approximately 1.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).

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